## **ABSOLUTE RATING:** Average **IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent**

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 99.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## **RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**

Absolute Rating Average

Improvement Rating Excellent

2001 2002

2003

2004

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our School

Schools With Students Like Ours









English/ **Mathematics** Language Arts

**Mathematics** 

English/ Language Arts









**Below Basic** 

### **DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORI	NG BASIC OR AB	OVE ON THE	PACT	
	English/			Social
Student Group	Language Arts	Math	Science	Studies
All students (n=233)	70.4	70.8	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than				
Speech (n=20)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=213)	73.7	75.1		
Gender				
Male (n=121)	64.5	68.6		
Female (n=112)	76.8	73.2		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=118)	55.9	56.8		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=113)	86.7	85.8		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=151)	60.9	63.6		
Pay for lunch (n=82)	87.8	84.1		

# **SCHOOL PROFILE** INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
Dollars spent per student	\$4,704	N/A	\$5,114	\$5,347
<ul> <li>Prime instructional time</li> </ul>	92.2%	Up from 86.3%	89.8%	90.2%
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.7 to 1	N/A	18.6 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=432)				
Attendance Rate	97%	Down from 98%	95.9%	96.2%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level</li> </ul>	3%	N/A	3.9%	4.1%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade leve</li> </ul>	2.6%	N/A	3.1%	3.1%
<ul> <li>First graders who attended full day kindergarten</li> </ul>	98.5%	Down from 98.6	% 96.4%	96.3%
<ul> <li>Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate TEACHERS (n=31)	7.6%	Up from 4.8%	3.4%	3.6%
<ul> <li>Professional Development days per teacher</li> </ul>	11.1 Days	Up from 7.6	7.3 Days	7.6 days
Attendance Rate	96.5%	Up from 89.8%	95.1%	95.1%
<ul> <li>Teachers with advanced degrees</li> </ul>	64.5%	Down from 65.4	% 46.2%	47.7%
Continuing contract teachers	96.8%	Up from 96.2%	85%	83.8%
Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from the previous school year	91.8%	Up from 79.2%	88.2%	87.2%
Average teacher salary	\$37,799	Up 2.5%	\$37,184	\$37,520

### **SCHOOL FACTS**

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
	Our School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	69.2%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	5	N/A	4	4.0
<ul> <li>Parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	87.9%	N/A	95%	95.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
On academic plans	45.5%	Up from 43.4%	44.3%	43.1%
<ul> <li>On academic probation</li> </ul>	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
<ul> <li>Older than usual for grade</li> </ul>	1.2%	Up from 0.3%	1.2%	1.1%
<ul> <li>Suspended or expelled</li> </ul>	0	N/A	1	1
<ul> <li>Gifted and talented</li> </ul>	11.8%	Up from 11.2%	11.4%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	7.2%	Up from 4.6%	9.2%	8.4%



# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Prosperity-Rikard Elementary is a public school located in Prosperity, South Carolina, a rural area in lower Newberry County. Our student population has been growing over the past five years. Sixty-six percent of our students qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. We have a racial composition of 52% white and 48% black. Space is already a problem and portables are being added to meet space requirements at our five-year-old school.

The past five years have been very successful as we focused on improving math, reading, and science skills and scores as well as developing a character education program. Test scores have continued to improve and 94 percent of our students tested ready on CSAB at the start of 2000-01.

We are proud of our school and it's accomplishments. Prosperity-Rikard Elementary became SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) accredited in the spring of 2000. In May of 2000, we also achieved Schools of Promise Flagship Status

We are constantly working to improve opportunities for our students. We monitor and adjust our instruction based on results of student achievement. Teachers have flexibility to choose staff development opportunities that address needs of students. Sixteen teachers participated in the South Carolina Reading Initiative, which emphasizes current research to enhance instruction. Teacher commitment to self-improvement has been an integral part of our continued growth.

Our PTO raises about \$20,000 annually, provides about 25 volunteers weekly, and includes about 400 members. The strength of the PTO has enhanced community support. Businesses have made many contributions to our school and some allow release time for employees to serve as mentors during lunch. Our school is truly a community school.

Henry H. (Buddy) Livingston, III

### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

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Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents		
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	88.1	(Avail. 2002)		
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	86.4			
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	84.4			

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

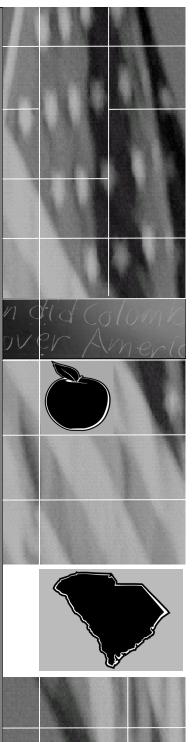
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Prosperity-Rikard Elementary 381 S Wheeler Road Prosperity, SC 29127

**Grades** K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 432 Students

**Principal** 

Mr. Henry Livingston 803-364-2321

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**Board Chair** 

Mr. Lee Attaway 803-276-6112

# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School	
Report Card	

2001

School Grade: Excellent

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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